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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN POSITION RE ME NEGOTIATIONS

REF: ALGIERS 2363

1. EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF ALGERIA'S AMBIVALENT POSITION  
RE NEGOTIATIONS

CONTAINED REFTTEL CORRESPONDS TO WHAT  
WE HAVE SEEN HERE OF ALGERIAN ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS.  
ALGERIAN DESIRE FOR SETTLEMENT AND WILLINGNESS  
SUPPORT SYRIAN, EGYPTIAN EFFORTS QUALIFIED BY WHAT  
SEEMS TO BE CONTINUING DESIRE PROJECT IMAGE OF ALGERIA  
AS HOLDER OF TRUE DOCTRINE FOR MAKING BOTH WAR AND  
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PEACE, AND EFFORTS REGAIN CENTER OF AFRO-ARAB STATE

WHICH ALGERIANS BELIEVE THEY HELD FROM TIME OF NON-  
ALIGNED SUMMIT UNTIL OCT 6.

2. WHETHER OR NOT ALGERIA IN FACT PAID USSR CASH FOR  
ARMS SUPPLIED BY LATTER TO SYRIA AND EGYPT (BEIRUT 12918),  
WORD IS AROUND THAT THEY DID SO AS SIGN OF ARAB  
SOLIDARITY. REPORTS ALSO APPEARING IN LOCAL PRESS THAT  
ALGERIAN ARMY HAS FORCE OF 25,000 MEN FACING ISRAELI  
ARMY ON WEST BANK OF SUEZ CANAL, THUS FREEING EGYPTIAN  
ARMY TO OPERATE ON EAST OF CANAL SHOULD HOSTILITIES RESUME.

3. WHEN CEASE-FIRE ACCEPTED AMBASSADOR YAZID DEVOTED  
CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO BAD-MOUTH SYRIA AND EGYPT WITH  
BEIRUT PRESS FOR DOING SO AND FOR FAILING WAGE "POPULAR  
WAR" AS ALGERIANS CONCEIVE IT, EVEN AT COST OF DESTRUCTION

THEIR ARMIES AND ECONOMIES (PARA 4 REFTTEL). ALGERIAN CAM-  
PAIGN TO HOLD HOST ARAB SUMMIT HAS CAUSED THEM TO REACT  
VIOLENTLY AGAINST ANY POTENTIAL THREAT TO SUCH SUMMIT,  
INCLUDING SIX-POINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND  
ISRAELIS. EXAMPLE OF THIS REACTION CAN BE FOUND IN  
ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGE OF NOV 10 LE MONDE IN WHICH EDOUARD  
SAAB CITES UNNAMED AMBASSADORS (IN ACT, MOHAMMED YAZID) TO  
SHOW THAT EGYPT ACTED IN BAD FAITH IN REACHING AGREEMENT  
BEHIND BACK OF ITS ARAB PARTNERS AND SIX-POIN AGREEMENT  
MEANT TO TORPEDO ALGIERS SUMMIT.

4. IN ADDITION TO SUMMIT, ALGIRIANS OBVIOUSLY INTEND USE  
THEIR SPECIAL TIES WITH FEDAYEEN AS MEANS FURTHERING THEIR  
INFLUENCE ON NEGOTIATIONS AND SHAPE OF PEAIIF SETTLEMENT.  
HERE AGAIN, ALGERIAN POLICY SEEMS BE MIXTURE OF  
POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ATTITUDES FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW.  
ALGERIANS ARE ADVISING FEDAYEEN ACCEPT, AT LEAST  
PROVISIONALLY, CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF ISRAELI STATE.  
YET THEY ARE APPARENTLY ADVISING AGAINST COOPERATION  
WITH KING HUSSEIN AND PUSHING FOR CREATION BY PLO OF  
GOVT IN EXILE, FOLLOWING PRG PATTERN.  
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